

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MERCEDES HERBERT GONZALEZ,

Defendant.

Case No. 20-CR-185-22-JPS

ORDER

On October 6, 2020, the grand jury returned an indictment, charging Defendant with violating 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 846, 841(b)(1)(A), (b)(1)(B), and (b)(1)(C) and 18 U.S.C. § 2. (Docket #107). On December 21, 2021, the parties filed a plea agreement, indicating that Defendant has agreed to plead guilty to Count One in the Indictment. (Docket #355).

The parties appeared before Magistrate Judge Nancy Joseph on January 28, 2022 to conduct a plea colloquy pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. (Docket #402). Defendant entered a plea of guilty as to Count One in the Indictment. (*Id.*) After cautioning and examining Defendant under oath concerning each of the subjects mentioned in Rule 11, Magistrate Judge Joseph determined that the guilty plea was knowing and voluntary, and that the offenses charged were supported by an independent factual basis containing each of the essential elements of the offenses. (*Id.*)

On January 28, 2022, Magistrate Judge Joseph filed a Report and Recommendation with this Court, recommending that: (1) Defendant's plea of guilty be accepted; (2) a presentence investigation report be prepared; and (3) Defendant be adjudicated guilty and have a sentence imposed

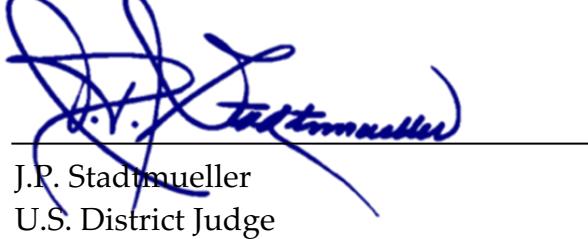
accordingly. (*Id.*) Pursuant to General Local Rule 72(c), 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B), and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 59(b), the parties were advised that written objections to that recommendation, or any part thereof, could be filed within fourteen days of the date of service of the recommendation. (*Id.*) To date, no party has filed such an objection. The Court has considered Magistrate Judge Joseph's recommendation and, having received no objection thereto, will adopt it.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Magistrate Judge Nancy Joseph's Report and Recommendation (Docket #402) be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 23rd day of February, 2022.

BY THE COURT:



J.P. Stadtmueller
U.S. District Judge

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.P. Stadtmueller", is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the name "J.P. Stadtmueller" is typed in black, followed by "U.S. District Judge".